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TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1743

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Stephen Peter FITZGERALD et al.

Group Art Unit: 1743

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For: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ASSAY DEVICES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PROPOSED

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An assay assembly, comprising:
a chip on which an array of reactive species is immobilized; and
a storage well having a base and side walls;
wherein said chip is separate from said base and said chip is located in said storage well.

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Claims 1-13 and 15-19 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended.
Support for the amendment can be found at page 5, lines 5-30 and Figures 2 and 3 of the